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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Anthony A. Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer and

RE:

Site Inspection, Diamond K Gypsum, DKG Quarry, M/015/041, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

February 24, 1997

Time of Inspection:

1610 - 1650

Conditions:

Partly cloudy, cold

Participants:

Phil Palmer, Clint Henry, Diamond K Gypsum; Tony Gallegos, Lynn Kunzler

DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

To examine the mined area and area of recent expansion

We met Phil and Clint at Area A which has already been mined. Portions of this area have also been reclaimed. We proceeded to the new area being mined where Phil explained their mining plan. The gypsum in this expansion area is not as wide as expected and so it will be mined out sooner than anticipated. DKG began mining this new area just last week after receiving approval from the BLM. The first load of gypsum from this area was trucked out today. The southern edge of the gypsum deposit in this expansion area is part of the wall in the South Salt Wash drainage. DKG plans to mine the gypsum, but leave a wall separating the drainage from their excavation to minimize impacts. By doing this they should not need to reconstruct the drainage.

DKG would like to get their reclaimed areas released as soon as possible so they can apply the reclamation bond to additional mining areas. Phil believes the Spring of 1997 will be the third growing season for those areas which have been reclaimed.

In conclusion, the Division will need to schedule a site inspection to examine the revegetation success of the reclaimed areas at the site. Release of these areas would allow DKG to apply the reclamation bond to a new area of mining if BLM and US Fish and Wildlife approvals are also granted.

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